SAINT CHRONICA ACADEMY. A ROOM IN THE CHAPEL.
SPECIFICALLY, COMMON ROOM 4.
...WHERE THE NEIGHBORS CLUB MEETS.
LET'S GET THIS COMPETITION ROLLING.
LOOK, GET ON WITH IT.
IT'S THE ROOM...
YOU HAVE TO TAKE SOME TOO.
UGH...

Neighbors Club
THE MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORS CLUB...
Shiguma Rika
Kashiwazaki Sena
Takayama Maria
Kusunoki Yukimura
Mikazuki Yozora
Hasegawa Kobato
Hasegawa Kodaka
IS "TO MAKE FRIENDS."
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN
OUR HANDS IN FRIENDSHIP AND
WE SHALL LOVE
OTHE
CLUB PREPARATIONS:
Something Resembling a Prologue!
(AKA: Presenting the Characters!)

SHAAAA
HEY, CUT THAT OUT!
HEE HEE!

FIRST, JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR: THIS IS A DREAM.
A DREAM OF BEING ON A SOUTHERN ISLAND.
ANIKI!
CLINK
QUICK, WHAT DOES THE WORD "TROPICAL" MAKE YOU THINK OF?
WHY NOT? THANKS.
WOULD YOU CARE FOR SOME JUICE?
A BEAUTIFUL BEACH?
SIP

A NEVER-ENDING SUMMER DAY IN PARADISE?
TEE HEE!
Gundan OVA
BINGO! YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT IDEA.

THE ENTIRE NEIGH-BORS CLUB IS HERE.
HEE! TAKE THAT!
EEEK! IT'S SO COLD!
EEP!
HA HA!
HEH HEH!
EVERY ONE OF US...
IS REVELING IN THIS PERFECT DAY.

IT DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THIS.
THIS IS THE LIFE, HUH?
HA HA... YEP, I'M HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE.
SPENDING THIS GORGEOUS DAY WITH THE WHOLE CLUB...
HA... HA...
--PAI...

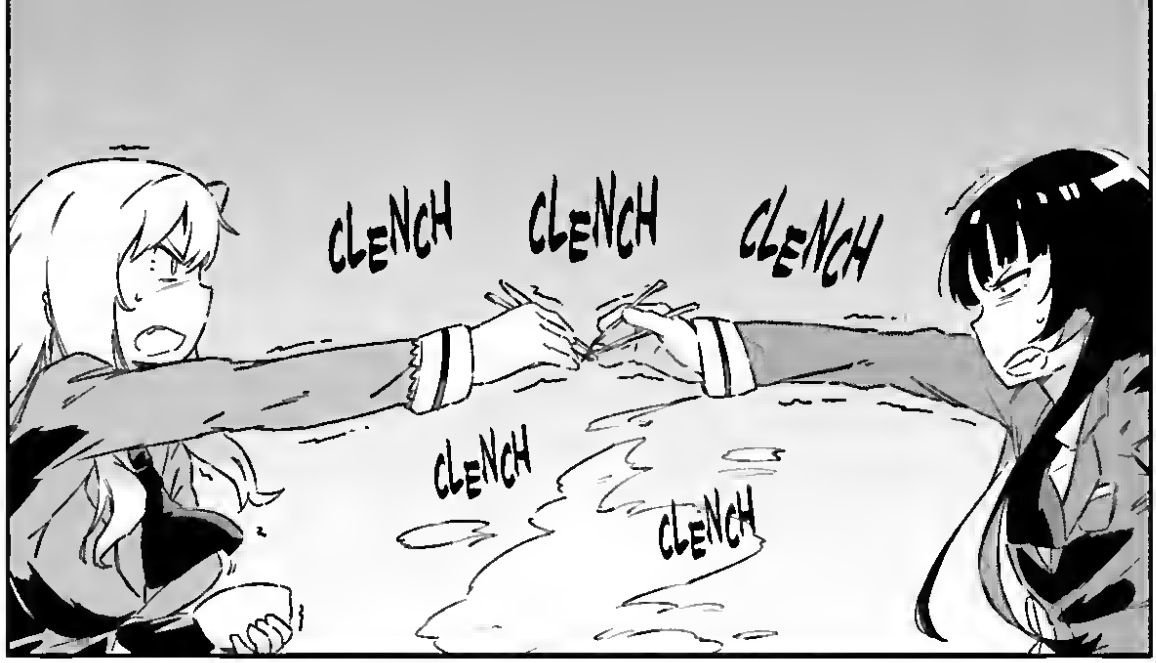
ABABABA SERDTFGY-FUJIKOO?!
BZZZZT
HUNH ...?

SHAKE
SHAKE
PLEASE COME BACK TO REALITY, SEMPAI.

?!
!!
HEH HEH HEH...

IT'S UNFAIR TO THE REST OF US IF YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE *ZONING OUT*, KODAKA-SEMPAI.
SHIGUMA RIKA

HASEGAWA KODAKA
MY BEAUTIFUL DAYDREAM... GONE...
GUH...
WHAT DID IT ENTAIL?
YOZORA AND SENA WERE SMILING AND HORSING AROUND.
SCIENTIFICALLY SPEAKING, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
IMPOSSIBLE, HUH...?
BUT I CAN'T SAY RIKA'S WRONG. OF COURSE THOSE TWO WOULD NEVER GET ALONG LIKE THAT.
I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT THEM.


CLENCH
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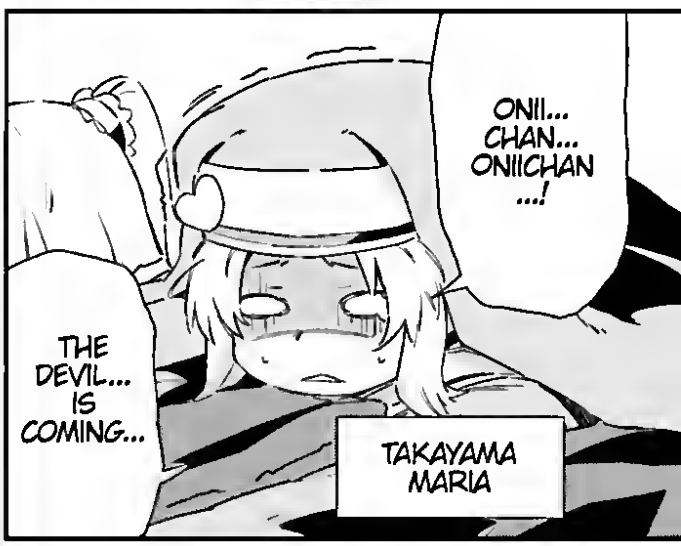
KASHIWAZAKI SENA
MIKAZUKI YOZORA
HEE HEE! DON'T YOU MEAN *YOU* HAVE TO THROW IN THE TOWEL? YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO STRAIN SOMETHING.
CAN'T YOU TELL YOU'RE IN OVER YOUR HEAD? DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND GIVE IN NOW, MEAT.

CHOMP!
WOOSH
HA!
GYAAAAAAH
おおおおおおおおお
GUH... IT'S...KINDA SWEET? BUT NOT REALLY...? INSIDE OF MY MOUTH... ALL GOOEY. I THINK MY THROAT MIGHT BE ROTTING --!
H-H-HOT! TOO HOT!
ACK

REALITY IS HELL...
BLAARGH!
GAAAH!
THIS IS REALITY, ALL RIGHT.

UGH...

.....
KUSUNOKI YUKIMURA


ONII... CHAN... ONIICHAN ...!
THE DEVIL... IS COMING...
TAKAYAMA MARIA

YOU'RE IN THE WAY, ANCHAN. I CAN'T KILL HER...
HASEGAWA KOBATO

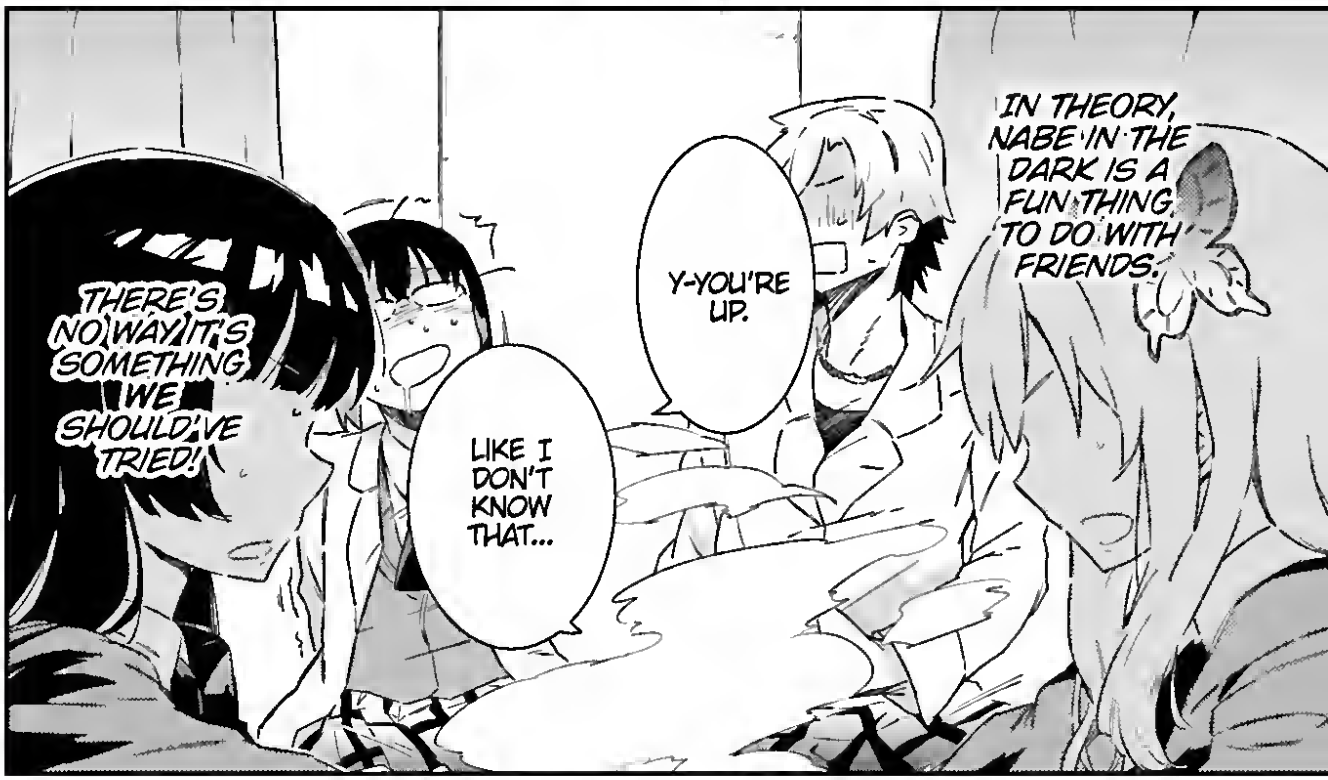
HEE HEE... YEAH. HURRY UP, WILL YOU?
WE'RE JUST GETTING WARMED UP.
COME ON, KODAKA. YOU'VE GOT TO EAT SOME, TOO...
E- ER...
MAYBE YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!

IT'S NABE IN THE DARK.
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
OKAY, SO...
RIKA'S POISON DETECTOR CAN IDENTIFY ANY KNOWN TOXINS.
IT'S PERFECT ...IN THEORY.
WE'RE AT LEAST SURE THIS ISN'T POISONOUS, RIGHT?
THAT SHOULD BE CORRECT, KODAKA-SEMPAI.

↑ In the dark, mystery ingredients are added to the pot and then fished out. The lights go on, and people eat whatever they caught.

HIGHLY DUBIOUS...
SHALL WE...?
GULP
CLACK
CLACK
THE BROTH WAS UNBELIEVABLY VILE. BUT THE ACTUAL FOOD WAS... FINE.
IT'S JUST... WHAT IS THIS? FEELS LIKE... BROCCOLI? I THINK...?!

RIKA'S MEMORY DATABASE INDICATES THAT THE FLAVOR THIS MOST RESEMBLES IS...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
DIS-INFEC-TANT-GRADE... ETHANOL ...?
RIKA... IT GOT YOU, TOO...


IN THEORY, NABE IN THE DARK IS A FUN THING TO DO WITH FRIENDS.
Y-YOU'RE UP.
LIKE I DON'T KNOW THAT...
THERE'S NO WAY IT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD'VE TRIED!

WHAT EVER POSSESSED US TO THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA?!
SMIRK

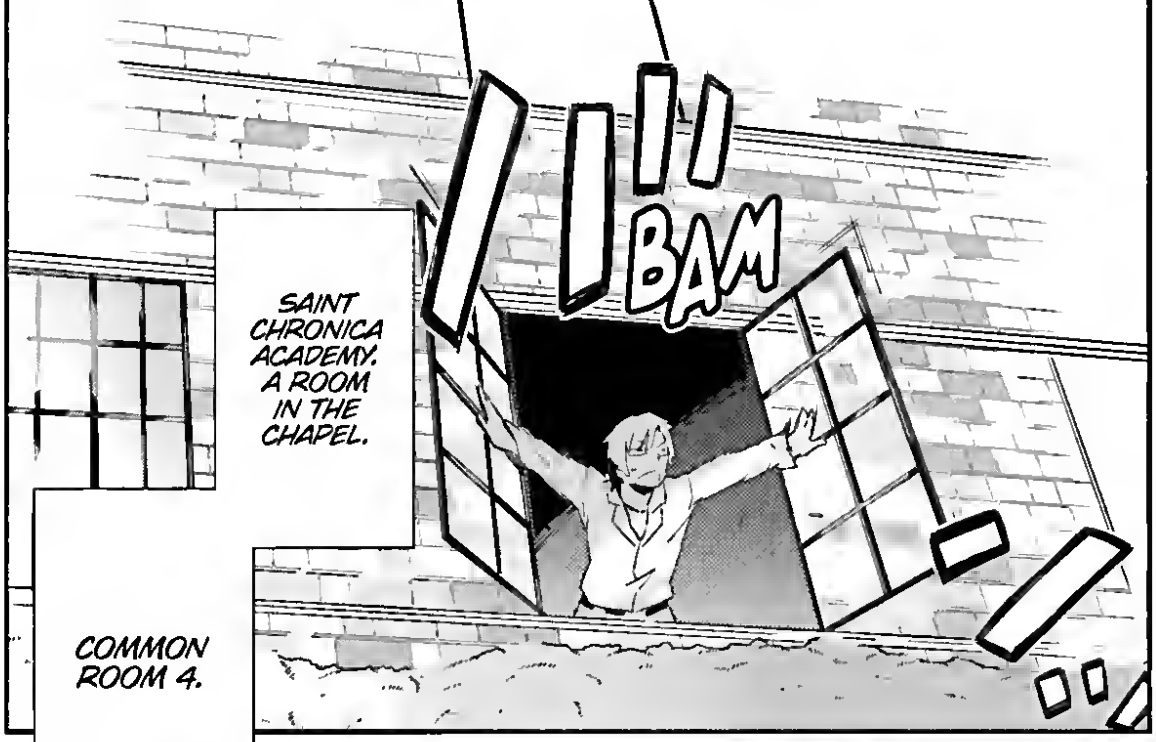
I WANNA DO NABE IN THE DARK!
YOU CAN DO NABE ALL KINDS OF WAYS.
SENA SPOKE UP, AND IT WAS SETTLED.
BUT NOOOO, WE ALL THOUGHT HAVING NABE AFTER SCHOOL SOUNDED GREAT.
SO WE DECIDED TO DO A DRY RUN.
BUT THE FUN ONLY LASTED UNTIL WE STARTED ADDING INGREDIENTS.
THE STENCH IT GAVE OFF WAS INCREDIBLE. NO ONE WAS SMILING ANYMORE.
WE ALL DOVE IN AND SNAGGED SOME FOOD FROM THE POT...
AND THINGS STARTED TO GET HEATED.

*Surströmming is a notoriously strong-smelling fermented herring from Sweden.
**Sticky rice cakes with a sweet filling
THE SURSTRÖMMING* YOU BROUGHT WAS THE WORST PART!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HERRING! YOU THREW IN MANGO AND STRAWBERRY DAIFUKU**!
THEY STARTED TRYING TO FOIST THE BLAME OFF ON EACH OTHER.
POW
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO DO NABE IN THE DARK!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED NABE FIRST! IT'S YOUR FAULT!
Shiguma Rika
Kashiwazaki Sena
NEXT THING I KNEW, THEY'D ADDED SOME STUPID RULE...
ABOUT HOW THE LAST PERSON STANDING WOULD BE THE WINNER.
IT'S DOWN TO JUST THE THREE OF US NOW.
Yozora Mikazuki

YOINK
DAMMIT !!!
I'LL GIVE IT...
IGNORE THE TEXTURE! I CAN DO THIS!
MOMMY...
EVERYTHING I'VE GOT...!
3... 2... 1...
GO!!!

HA HA!
TEE HEE HEE

HA
HA
HA!
...
!!!
BLUUURGH
H-HEY!
GUYS...?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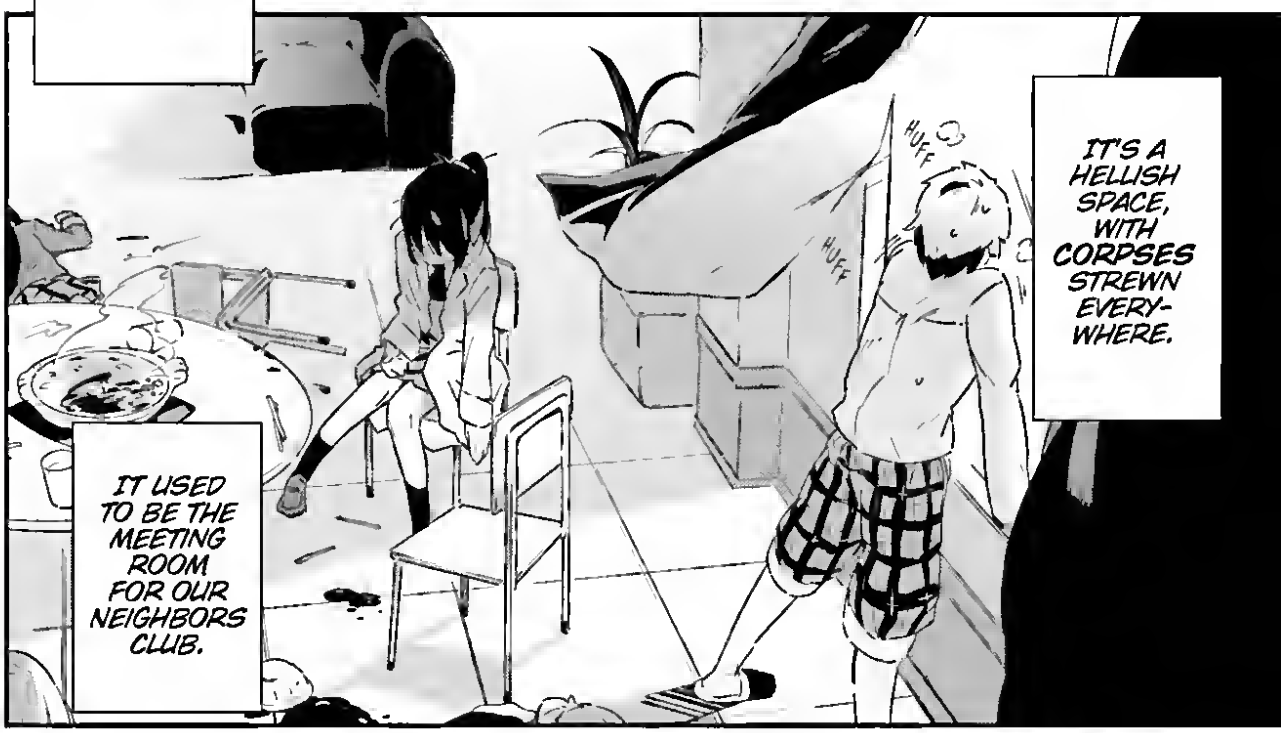
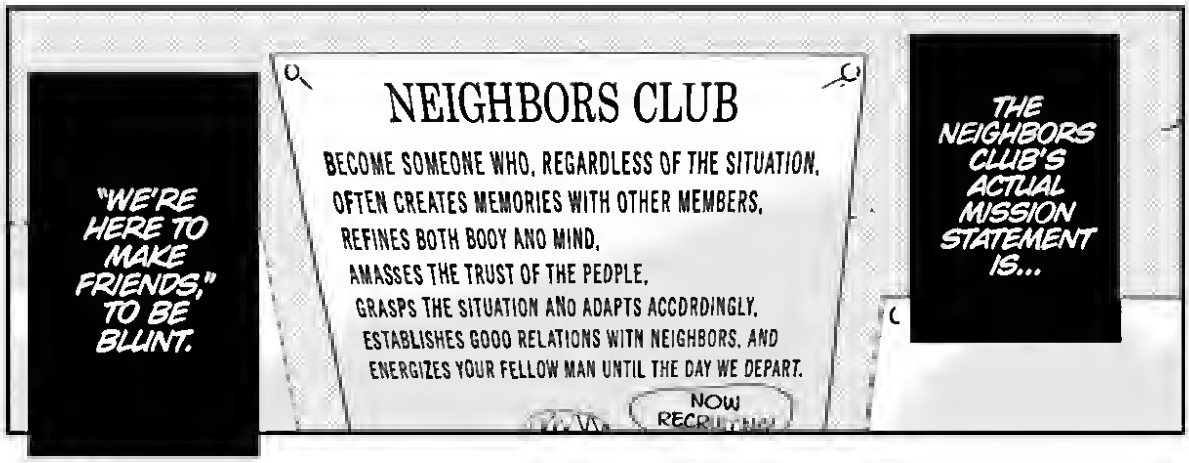
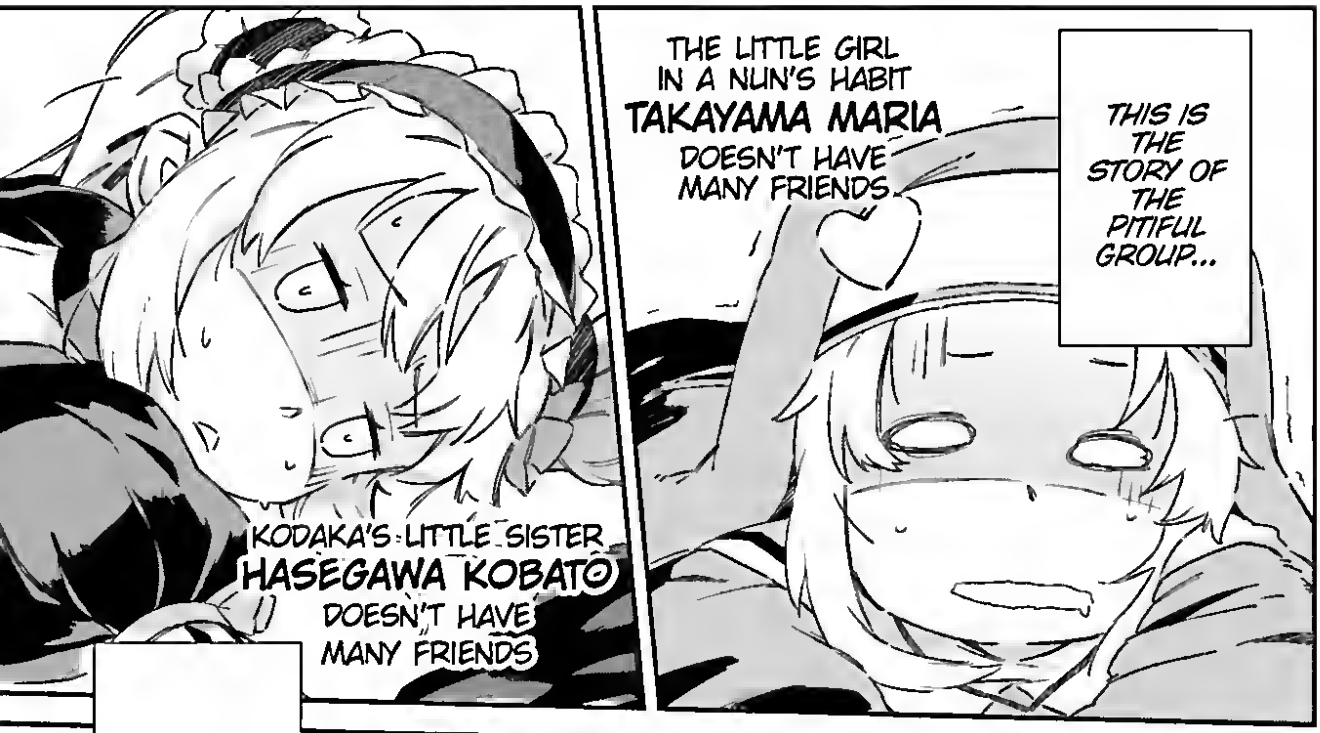
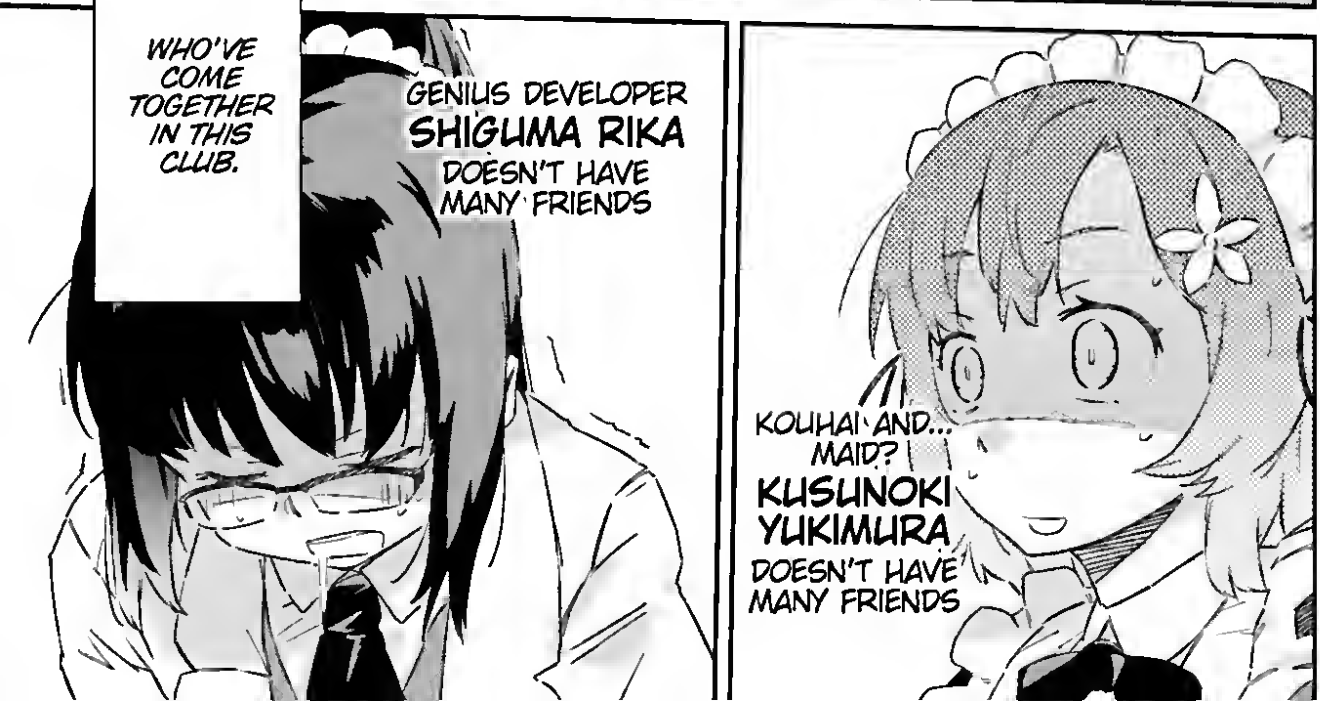
COMMON ROOM 4.


HUFF
HUFF
IT'S A HELLISH SPACE, WITH CORPSES STREWN EVERY-WHERE.
IT USED TO BE THE MEETING ROOM FOR OUR NEIGHBORS CLUB.

Common Room 4
I DOUBT ANYONE WOULD UNDERSTAND THE CLUB'S NATURE IF THEY HEARD ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES.
YOU COULD SAY OUR CLUB DOES A WIDE VARIETY OF THINGS. OR MAYBE YOU'D SAY WE'RE WILDLY INCONSISTENT.


"WE'RE HERE TO MAKE FRIENDS," TO BE BLUNT.
NEIGHBORS CLUB
BECOME SOMEONE WHO, REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION,
OFTEN CREATES MEMORIES WITH OTHER MEMBERS,
REFINES BOTH BODY AND MIND,
AMASSES THE TRUST OF THE PEOPLE,
GRASPS THE SITUATION AND ADAPTS ACCORDINGLY,
ESTABLISHES GOOD RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS, AND
ENERGIZES YOUR FELLOW MAN UNTIL THE DAY WE DEPART.
NOW RECRUITING!
THE NEIGHBORS CLUB'S ACTUAL MISSION STATEMENT IS...


KODAKA'S LITTLE SISTER
HASEGAWA KOBATO
DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS
THE LITTLE GIRL IN A NUN'S HABIT
TAKAYAMA MARIA
DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS
THIS IS THE STORY OF THE PITIFUL GROUP...


WHO'VE COME TOGETHER IN THIS CLUB.
GENIUS DEVELOPER
SHIGUMA RIKA
DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS
KOUHAI AND... MAID?
KUSUNOKI YUKIMURA
DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS

URGH...
IT'S THE TALE OF OUR REALLY UNFORTUNATE LIVES.
FLAWLESS (IF YOU IGNORE HER PERSONALITY) KASHIWAZAKI SENA DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS
HUFF HUFF
FLAWED IN EVERY WAY (EXCEPT HER LOOKS) MIKAZUKI YOZORA DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS
IT'S A BAD SIGN WHEN THE HEROINES PUKE THIS EARLY IN THE STORY.
THE PROTAGONIST HASEGAWA KODAKA DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS
AND SO IT BEGINS...
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT ALL THIS...?